English Loyalty

Vindicated by the

French Divines;

OR, A

DECLARATION

AND

SUBSCRIPTION

Of Threescore DOCTORS of

SORBONNE,

FOR THE

Oath of Allegiance,

As it was Originally deliver'd by them in *LATIN*.

Faithfully done in *English*, By *W. H.*

Tributum Cæsaris est, non negatur. Ambr. Ep. 32.

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TO THE READER.

'Tis the Duty of all good Subjects to give ſincere and undeniable Proofs of Loyalty *to their* Prince; *And becauſe the* Oath of Allegiance *is generally offer'd to* Roman-Catholicks, *as the* Legal Teſt *of their* Fidelity, (*in which they all profeſs to agree as to the ſubſtance, tho' ſome hard words in it, and other circumſtances not in the leaſt material to their* Allegiance, *as ſome affirm, have caus'd diſputes;, and rais'd Scruples in tender or weak Conciences*) *ſeveral* Gentlemen *and* Perſons *of* Quality, *of their perſuaſion, have made it their buſineſs theſe late years, to clear thoſe ſmall Doubts, that whilſt the Subſtance of the* Oath *is embrac'd by all, none ſhould ſtartle at the ſhadow, ſince they almoſt unanimouſly, at leaſt very few excepted, who are ſufficiently known to the World, acknowledge the* Imperial

Crown of England *independent of any* Deposing Power *whatsoever.*

Their misfortune in being dispers'd and driven into Foreign Countries, * *almost ever since the beginning of these Troublesome times, has given them at last a fair opportunity to accomplish abroad, what they were before endeavouring to effect at home; And because there were Difficulties grounded, (as many did suppose,) chiefly upon* Religion, *which made them boggle at the taking of the* Oath; *The whole matter, with all the particulars, was propos'd to the* Doctors *of* Sorbonne *at* Paris, *a Body of as able and learned* Divines, *as any is of the* Roman Persuasion: *and those whom* Rome *it self, upon Debates of the greatest moment, has often consulted and advis'd with. Many of these Pious and Learned* Doctors *have examin'd the* Oath *very carefully, have weighed every word, and consider'd every circumstance; And as they themselves declare,* Perpensis omnibus difficultatibus præcipuè illis, quæ à summorum Pontificum Brevibus adversus hoc Juramen-

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mentum datis, & ab hæreſeos notâ Paragraphio, quarto petuntur, *Having weighed all the difficulties, particularly thoſe that ariſe from the* Popes Breifs *given againſt this* Oath; *and from the word* Heretical *in the fourth* Paragraph, *after a long and mature Deliberation, have given under their Hands this following* Determination *and* Declaration, *upon the* Oath *in* Latin *as 'twas worded when firſt ſent to* Rome *in* Paul *the fifths time. Which, with a faithful Tranſlation has been thought very Convenient to be Publiſh'd here in* England, *that Men of clearer underſtanding, and of deeper ſence then the common ſort of People; and whoſe Judgement is wholly carried by the ſtrength of reaſon, may be ſenſible that the* Roman Catholicks, (*tho' never in ſo great a diſtreſs*) *will be always ready, with all ſubmiſſion and chearfulneſs to give* Cæſar *his due, which cannot be deny'd him, but by a breach of the Law of* Jeſus Chriſt; *who with the ſame breath* Commanded Obedience to God in Heaven, and to *Cæſar* his Vice-gerent upon Earth. *By which Decree of the*

Divine

To the Reader.

Divine Wisdom, *the* Primitive Christians *thought the* Emperors *and* Kings *so well settled in their* Thrones; *that great* Athanasius, *the Pillar of* Catholick Faith *against the* Arians, *Writing to* Constantius *the first* Heterodox Emperor, *and a dreadful Enemy to* Gods Church, *acknowledges*: *That no Power in the World*, (*without opposing* Gods *positive Command*,) *can so much as cast a spiteful look upon his* Crown. Tibi, Deus Imperium commisit--- qui tuum Imperium malignis oculis carpit contradicit Ordinationi Divinæ. God, *says he*, Has Committed the Empire unto You, he that but looks awry upon your Empire, opposes Gods Ordination. *And St.* Augustin *commending the obedience the* Christians *constantly paid to* Julian *the* Apostate, Successor *to* Constantius; *Speaks thus of them, upon the* Psal. 124. Propter Dominum æternum subditi erant Domino temporali, quia necessitate subditi erant, non solùm propter iram evadendam, sed etiam propter conscientiam, propter dilectionem, &

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quia juſſit Dominus. *They obey'd the* Temporal Lord *for the* Eternal Lords Sake; *becauſe they were by neceſſity his* Subjects, *not only to avoid anger but for* Conſcience *ſake, out of Love, and becauſe God Commanded it.*

Certainly in that Golden age of Chriſtianty *there was no ſuch thing as depoſing* Emperors *and* Kings, *or diſpenſing with their* Subjects Allegiance *upon the ſcore of* Hereſie *or* Apoſtaſy, *or upon any other pretence whatſoever. And many hundred years after* Pope Gregory *the* II. *declar'd in a Letter to the Emperor* Leo Iſauricus, *accounted a dangerous* Heretick *by the* See *of* Rome, *that he had not the power ſo much as to look into his* Majeſties Palace; *and to diſpoſe of any of his* Regalities, Pontifex introſpiciendi in Palatio poteſtatem non habet, ac dignitates Regias deferendi. *Where was the pretended* depoſing power *in thoſe days?*

This publication *will be therefore very neceſſary alſo for the ſatisfaction of ſeveral honeſt and well-*

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meaning Catholicks, who having been hitherto troubled with doubts, for want, it may be, of a right information concerning the Oath, may be glad to have so firm and so good a ground to settle their wavering and scrupulous Conscience upon.

These were the motives which induc'd me to make this publick, and as my endeavours in all this business have been clear from all Interest, and my intentions sincere, without any other prospect but of the common good, I hope in this I may have oblig'd many, without incurring the displeasure of any one, who is a lover of truth, and a faithful Subject to his Majesty.

W. H.

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QUÆRITUR

An Salvâ Fide & turâ Conſcientiâ

A Catholicis Anglis

Præſtari poſſit ſubſequens

Juramentum.

EGo *A. B.* verè & ſincerè agnoſco, profiteor, teſtificor, & declaro in conſcientiâ meâ, coram Deo & mundo, quod ſupremus Dominus noſter *Rex Carolus* eſt Legitimus & verus hujus *Regni Rex*, & omnium aliorum *Majeſtatis ſuæ* Dominiorum, & terrarum.

Et quod *Papa*, nec per ſeipſum, nec per aliam autoritatem *Eccleſiæ* vel ſedis *Romanæ*, aut per alia alia media cum quibuſcunq; aliis aliquam poteſtatem vel autorittem habeat *Regem* deponendi, vel de aliquibus *Majeſtatis ſuæ* Regnis aut Dominiis diſponendi, vel alicui Principi extraneo ad ipſum damnificandum, aut terras ſuas inuadendum autoritatem concedendi, vel uſſos ſubditorum ſuorum ab eorum *ſuæ Majeſtati* Subjectione & obedientiâ exonerandi, aut illis eorum licentiam vel facultatem dandi, ut arma contra ipſum gerant, tumultus excitent, aut aliquam violentiam aut damnum *Majeſtatis ſuæ Regiæ Perſonæ, Statui* vel regimini, aut aliquibus *Majeſtatis ſuæ* Subditis intra ſua Dominia offerant.

Item Juro ex corde, quod non obſtante ullâ declaratione, vel ſententiâ Excommunicationis vel deprivationis factâ, vel conceſſâ aut faciendâ vel concedendâ per *Papam* vel Succeſſores vel per quamcunque autoritatem derivatam, aut derivari prætenſam ab illo ſeu à ſuâ ſede contra dictum *Regem, Hæredes* aut Succeſſores ſuos, vel quacunque abſolutione dictorum ſubditorum ab eorum obedientiâ,

entiâ, fidelitatem & veram obedientiam *ſuæ Majeſtati, Hæredibus*, & Succeſſoribus ſuis præſtabo, ipſum que, & ipſos totis meis viribus contra omnes Conſpirationes & attentata quæcunque, quæ contra Perſonam illius vel illorum eorumque Coronam & dignitatem ratione vel colore alicujus ejuſmodi ſententiæ vel Declarationis vel aliás facta fuerint defendam, omnemque operam impendam, ut *Majeſtati ſuæ*, hæredibus, & Succeſſoribus ſuis revelem & manifeſtas faciam omnes Proditiones & Proditorias Conſpirationes, quæ contra illum aut aliquos illorum attentari cognoſcam, vel audiam.

Præterea Juro, quod ex corde abhorreo, deteſtor & abjuro tanquam impiam & *hæreticam* hanc Doctrinam & damnabilem poſitionem, quod Principes per *Papam* Excommunicati vel deprivati poſſunt per ſuos ſubditos vel alios quoſcunq; deponi, aut occidi.

Et vlterius credo & in Conſcientiâ meâ reſolvor quod nec *Papa*, nec ulla alia Perſona quæcunque poteſtatem habeat me ab hoc Juramento, aut aliquâ ejus parte, abſoluendi: Quod Juramentum agnoſco rectâ & plenâ autoritate eſſe legitimè

mihi miniſtratum, omnibus Indulgentiis ac Diſpenſationibus in contrarium renuncio, hæcque omnia planè & ſincerè agnoſco & juro, iuxta hæc expreſſa verba à me prolara, & juxta planum & communem ſenſum & intellectum eorum verborum, abſque vllâ æquivocatione aut mentali evaſione, aut ſecretâ reſervatione quâcunq; hancq; recognitionem & agnitionem facio cordialiter voluntariè, & verè in verâ fide *Chriſtiani viri.* Sic me Deus adjuvet.

NOs infra ſcripti Eccleſiæ & Academiæ *Pariſienſis Cancellarius*, Doctor ſocius Sorbonicus, teſtamur omnibus quorum intereſt vel intereſſe poteſt, attento nos animo vidiſſe, & perlegiſſe juramentum ſupra tranſcriptum, nihilque in eo reperiiſſe quod ſit verbo Dei, aut *Catholicæ* & *Apoſtolicæ* fidei contrarium, proindeque cenſemus illud ſalvâ eâdem fide & tutâ Conſcientiâ a *Catholicis Anglis* emitti poſſe, imo & eos ex *Religione* teneri illud idem, ut fideles decet Subditos, omni ratione adimplere & exequi. In Cujus rei fidem

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Subſcripſimus & præſentem Subſcriptionem Sigillo noſtro muniri fecimus. Datum *Pariſiis* in ædibus *Beatæ Mariæ* die nonâ *Auguſti*, Anno Dom. 1681.

COQUELIN.

Ex mandato præfati Dom. Cancellarii.

ROGER.

NOs infra ſcripti ſacræ facultatis *Pariſienſis Theologi* cenſemus Iuſiurandum, ut in obverſâ paginâ conceptum eſt, ſaluâ fide, & tutâ Conſcientiâ à *Catholicis Anglis* jurari poſſe: Si modo in propoſitione, quæ eſt de depoſitione & cæde *Principum*, & quæ damnatur ut *Hæretica*, *Deponi* & *Occidi* conjunctim accipiantur, imo & ſi diviſim, ita ut tamen propoſitio *materialiter* (id eſt verbo Dei contraria) finiatur, quatenus deponi poſſe Principes effert, *formaliter* vero etiam, quatenus & occidi poſſe Superaddit, Deliberatum, datumque *Pariſiis* die decimâ ſextâ *Auguſti* Anno Dom. 1680.

Alex.

Alex. Vaillant, *Paſtor* Sti. *Chriſtophori.*
Chaſſebras, *Archipresbyter Paris.* & *Paſtor* Stæ. *Mariæ Mag.*
Gerbais, *Collegii Rhemenſis Primarius.*
Mezure, *Paſtor* Sti. *Pauli.*
Le Caron, *Paſtor* Sti. *Petri.*
Rouland
N. Petitpied, *Paſtor* Sti. *Marcelli.*
Le Feure, *Profeſſor Regius in Theologiâ.*
Navarre.
A. Faure, *Vicarius* generalis *Eccleſiæ Rhemenſis.*
Fran. Lovis.
Le Feure.
Ph. Le Feron, *Archdiaconus Eccleſiæ Santonenſis.*
Ph. du Bois, *Primarius Collegii* de *Fæn.*
Biord.
Thire.
Varet.
Robine, *Eremita Auguſtinianus.*
André.
Mouteau.
Des Moulins.
De Leſcolle.
Bigres
De Riviere.
Camyn.
C. Blovin.
Petitpied.
J. de Beaumont.
De Bienual.
J. de Guigneul.
Le Charpentier, *Can. Regul.*
L. Empereur, *Canonicus Reg.*
Hicot.

De

De la Grange, Canon. Reg.
Denis.
F. de Bourges, Can. Reg.
Du Four.
J. C. Braquet.
Bourdon Can. Reg.
Blampignon, Paſtor Su. Mederici.
J. Marie.
L. Deuyon, d Heroual Nau.
Baſſet.
Baudinet, Carmelita.
Le Peſcheur.
F. J. Germain Carmelita.
A. P. Deuyon Can. Reg.
M. Humbelot.
De la Mare.
Le Tourneur.
Courcier Theologus Eccl. Paris.
De Mouſſeau Senator Curiæ Pariſ.
T. H. Malet Carmelita.
De Fita, Paſtor S. S. Coſmæ & Dam.
Berthault, Coll. Stæ. Barb.
Primarius.
Boeſſet.
Le Feron.

Eidem Deliberationi Subſcripti nullâ adhibitâ limitatione.

Le Marais, Paſtor Clauſtri *B. V.*

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SUpradicta Declaratio cum Subscriptionibus Doctorum infra eam descriptorum, Concordat cum originali ejusdem Declarationis, prout mihi constitit ex collatione à me factâ cum dicto originali die decimâ tertiâ *Octobris* Anno 1681. In cujus rei fidem Subscripti *Parisiis*

Tassin Actuarius facultaris sacræ Theologiæ *Parisiensis*.

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The Question is, Whether the *English Catholicks* may with safety of Faith and Conscience, take this following *OATH.*

I A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testifie, and declare in my Conscience before God and the World, That our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and of all other His Majesties Dominions and Countries, and that the Pope neither of himself nor by any authority of the Church or See of Rome, or by any other means with any other, hath any Power or Authority to Depose the King, or to Dispose of any of His Majesties Kingdoms or Dominions, or to authorize any Forreign Prince to Invade or Annoy him, or His Countries, or to discharge any of His Subjects of their Allegiance and Obedience to His Majesty, or to give Licence or leave to any of them to bear Arms, raise Tumults, or to offer any violence or hurt to His Majesties Royal Person, State, or Government, or to any of His Majesties Subjects, within His Majesties Dominions.

Also I do swear from my heart, That notwithstanding any Declaration or Sentence of Excommunication, or Deprivation, made or granted, or to be made or granted, by the Pope or his Successors, or by any authority derived, or pretended to be derived, from him, or his See, against the said King, His Heirs or Successors, or any Absolution of the said Subjects from their obedience. I will bear faith, and

true allegiance to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and Him and Them will defend to the uttermost of my Powe., against all Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against His or their Persons, their Crown and Dignity, by reason or colour of any such Sentence or Declaration, or otherwise; and will do my best endeavour to disclose and make known unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know or hear of to be against Him, or any of them.

And I do further swear, That I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as Impious and Heretical, this damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes which be Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, may be deposed or murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever.

And I do believe, and in Conscience am resolved, That neither the Pope, nor any Person whatsoever, hath power to absolve me of this Oath, or any part thereof, which I acknowledge by good and full authority to be lawfully ministred unto me, and do renounce all Pardons and Dispensations to the contrary. And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear according to these expres's words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common sense and understanding of the same words, without any Equivocation or mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this recognition and acknowledgment heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian.

So help me God.

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The Reſolution *and* Declaration *of the* Chancellor *of the* Vniverſity *of* Paris, *upon the Queſtion.*

WE underwritten, Chancellor of the *Church* and *Univerſity* of *Paris*, do teſtifie to all, who are, or may be concern'd, That we have ſeen, and have ſeriouſly perus'd the *Oath* above tranſcrib'd, and that we have found nothing in it contrary to the *word of God*, or to the *Catholick and Apoſtolick Faith*; And therefore we judge that it may be taken by the *Engliſh Catholicks* with a ſafe Faith and a good Conſcience; Nay, and that they are bound by the *Principles of Religion*, as it becomes faithful Subjects, to fulfil it, and practice it in all points. In witneſs whereof We have here Subſcrib'd, and have order'd this preſent Subſcription to be Seal'd with our Seal. Given at *Paris* in the Church of the *Bleſſed Virgin Mary*, the 9*th.* of *Auguſt*, in the year of our Lord, 1681.

COQUELIN.

By the command of the aforeſaid Lord Chancello.

ROGER,

The Declaration *and* Subscription *of the other* Doctors, *with their* Titles *and* Qualities.

WE underwritten Divines of the *Sacred Faculty* of *Paris*, do judge the *Oath*, as it is conceiv'd in the other Page, may with safety of *Faith* and *Conscience* be taken by the *English Catholicks*, so that the words, *Depos'd* and *Murder'd* (in the proposition, which is of the deposition and *Murder* of *Princes*, and which is Condemn'd as *Heretical*,) be taken joyntly; Nay also, tho' separately; so notwithstanding that the *Heretical* proposition, for as much as it asserts, That *Princes* may be Depos'd, be taken materially (that is contrary to the word of God) and formally also, for as much as it adds, That they may be *Murder'd*.

Alex. Vaillant, *Pastor* of St. *Christophers*.

Chassebras, *Arch-priest* of *Paris*, and *Pastor* of St. *Mary Magdaline*.

Gerbais, *Principal* of the *Colledge* of *Reims*.

Mezure, *Pastor* of St *Paul*.

Le Caron, *Pastor* of St. *Peters*.

Rouland

N. Petitpied, *Pastor* of St. *Marcellus*.

Le

Le Feure, Professor Royal in Divinity.
Navarre.
A. Faure, Vicar-general of the Church of Reims.
Fran. Lovis.
Le Feure.
Ph. Le Feron, Arch-deacon of the Church of Sens.
Ph. du Bois, Principal of the Colledge of the Thresurors.
Biord.
Thire.
Varet.
Robine, Augustin Ermite.
André.
Mouteau.
Des Moulins.
De Lescolle.
Bigres
De Riviere.
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C. Blovin.
Petitpied.

De Bienual.
J. de Beaumont.
J. de Guigneul.
Le Charpentier, Can. Regular of St. Augustin.
L. Empereur, Can. Regular.
Hicot.
De la Grange, Can. Regular.
Denis.
F. de Bourges, Can. Regular.
Du Four.
J. C. Braquet.
Bourdon Can. Regular.
Blampignon, Pastor of St. Mederick.
J. Marie.
L. Deuyon, D'Heroval Nau.
Basset.
Baudinet, Carmelit Fryer.
Le Pescheur.
F. J. Germain Car. Fryer.

A. P. Deuyon D'Heroval Can. Regular.
M. Humbelot.
De la Mare.
Le Tourneur.
Courcier Theologal, of the *Church* of *Paris.*
De Mouſſeau, *Counſellor* of the *Parliament* of *Paris.*
T. H. Malet Carmelit Fryer.
De Fita, *Paſtor* of *S. S. Coſma* and *Damianus.*
Berthault, *Principal* of the *Colledge* of St. *Barbara.*
Boeſſet.
Le Feron.

I have Subſcrib'd to the ſame Declaration without any reſtriction.

Le Marais, *Paſtor of the Cloiſter of our* Bleſſed Virgin.

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THe aforeſaid *Declaration*, with the Subſcriptions of the Doctors mention'd under it, does agree with the Original of the ſame *Declaration*, as it did appear to me, by the comparing it to the ſaid Original, the 13*th*, of *October*, in the year 1681. In Witneſs whereof, I have ſubſcrib'd this at *Paris*.

Taſſin, *Regiſter of the* Sacred Faculty *of* Divinity *of* Paris.

FINIS.